

News Briefs

CONDITION IMPROVED

The condition of Mrs. C. A. McVey, wife of the chief bridge engineer of New Brunswick, who was operated on at a Montreal hospital a week ago, was reported this morning as being considerably improved.

WATER LEVEL RISING

The water level of the Saint John river had risen one inch in the last 24 hours, according to measurements taken at the city pumping station today. This makes the water level 9.1 inches above the normal level for this time of year.

TWO STILL ALARMS

The fire department answered two still alarms this morning, one because of a chimney fire and the other because of an overheated pipe. The first call came at 9.10, while the second was at 10.15. No serious damage was done.

COUNCIL TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Fredericton City Council will be held tonight in the Council Chambers of the City Hall with His Worship Mayor G. Willard Kitchen presiding. The main matter for discussion is expected to be the proposed city zoning bylaw, approved by the Town Planning Commission.

TO MEET TOMORROW

A meeting of the Society on International Affairs will be held in the Normal School tomorrow evening. A full attendance of about 30 members is expected to be present. The purpose of the meeting is to freely discuss affairs of national concern in the form of a round table discussion. Several speakers will be heard.

ANNOUNCEMENT TOMORROW

Announcement of the awarding of the tender for the lease of the Arctic Ring for the present season will be made following a meeting of the directors tomorrow morning, it was stated by Alderman F. S. Mundle this morning. "Five or six tenders have been received," he stated, "and all are much the same."

CONDITION MUCH BETTER

The condition of Mrs. W. H. Vradenburg, who was rushed to Victoria Public Hospital in an unconscious state on Friday evening after being struck by a car as she emerged from a bus at the entrance of the Experimental Station was described today by her physician as being "much better."

RUMORS DENIED

Rumors that two men in the employ of the game division were caught in the act of gassing a cow moose which they had illegally shot, were branded as "ugly rumors" by detachment headquarters, R.C.M.P., here this morning. Mounted police have investigated such rumors, it was stated, and find that they are pure fabrications.

TO REBUILD HOME

Dr. W. M. Jenkins, M.L.A., will begin reconstruction of his home at Gagetown, which was burned on Oct. 8, early in the spring. He has had the site of his former home cleared of debris and will rebuild on the same spot. In the meantime Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins have taken up residence in the house owned by Miss Mary Maloney, and will reside there during the winter.

TO COMPLETE SURVEY

It is expected to finish the survey of the fire hazards of this city by tomorrow, it was stated this morning by Fire Chief Karl A. Walker. At present practically all the city has been covered by members of the department. The results will be sent to the Dominion Fire Marshal at Ottawa for comparison with the records of other communities of Canada.

Construction of New C. N. R. Bridge Progressing

Another step in the construction of the new railway bridge was made this morning when the first steel batter posts and side reinforcements were put in place on span nine, the first span on the Fredericton side of the river.

The lower carrying girders on which the floor of the bridge rests have been in position for some time, with a temporary track laid to carry a steam derrick. The bridge began to take shape this morning in more definite proportions when the side girders and braces were put in position. The upper supporting girders will not be put in place until the present work has been completed and made solid. More steel for the construction is arriving regularly, it was said.

The work on the construction job has been greatly handicapped during the past few days because of the high level of the river water.

MAPLE SUGAR PRODUCERS MEET HERE TOMORROW

To Award Prize for Best Maple Products Exhibit At Fair

Other Matters

Expect Large Delegation Representing Producers in this District

All interested in the maple sugar industry have been summoned by M. L. Dunphy, president of the New Brunswick Maple Sugar Producers' Association, to attend a meeting to be held in the office of the Provincial Department of Agriculture tomorrow afternoon.

The meeting, which will be of an informal character, will consider the following matters:

1. The awarding of a worth while prize for the best exhibit of maple products at one or more of the principal exhibitions of New Brunswick.
2. That the Association consider the advisability of holding the annual 1938 meeting of the City of Moncton.
3. That the Association consider the matter of reimbursing its members for expense incurred for gasoline for cars used in attending the meetings.

President Dunphy is hopeful that there will be a good attendance at the meeting. The maple products industry has made substantial progress since the organization was formed a few years ago. There has been an increased output, the quality has been improved and greater success has been achieved in marketing in other sections.

It is expected that a large representation of the producers of maple products in this district will be on hand for the discussion. This is viewed with especial favor by provincial authorities, because of the efforts now being made to build up the industry in New Brunswick to a level where it will be more profitable for the farmers of this province.

It is also understood that marketing problems will be discussed by the various producers in an effort to iron out some of the difficulties that have been experienced in the industry, as well as various other matters, the details of which will not be announced before the meeting.

RUMOR APRTMENT HOUSES MAY BE BUILT IS DENIED

Stated By Many That 2 Such Houses Were Contemplated

Rumors to the effect that an out of town brick company contemplates erecting two large apartment houses and 16 single dwelling houses in this city in the near future, were practically denied by the manager of the district office this morning in a statement to The Daily Mail.

According to the rumors, the company had called for plans and specifications for the apartment houses, one of which was to be erected on University Avenue. The other 17 buildings were to be erected in other parts of the city.

Kenneth Campbell, architect of this city, stated this morning that the company asked him to submit plans for a dwelling house some time ago, but that no mention of apartment houses was made. It was stated by the manager that the company now owns a lot of land in this city, but the assessors' office could not state the location, saying that it must have been purchased privately. No application has been made for building permits in this city, by this concern.

Form N. B. Branch Federal Public Works Employees' Ass'n.

The New Brunswick Branch of the Dominion Public Works Employees' Association was formed in Saint John last week and is arranging to affiliate with the Civil Service Federation of Canada. J. A. Barry, of the local Post Office staff in this city, has been elected vice-president and will have charge of the district embracing York, Carleton, Victoria, Madawaska, Restigouche, Gloucester and Northumberland Counties. It is hoped to have the New Brunswick branch fully representative of the province as a whole.

The new association has for its object the promotion of the spirit which will be essential to the effectiveness of the public service, and to further the welfare of the department by advancing the interest of the members and to enable the members to act as a body in recommending improvements in departmental matters.

HEAR FIVE WITNESSES IN DUNSMORE REMANET AS COURT OF DIVORCE AND MATRIMONIAL CAUSES REOPENS TODAY

Both Petitioner and Respondent Take Stand; Mr. Justice W. C. H. Grimmer Denies The Defense Motion to Dismiss Case

Five witnesses, including the petitioner and the respondent, were heard before Mr. Justice C. W. H. Grimmer as the Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes reopened this morning after having been adjourned since Friday on the completion of the undefended cases in the October docket.

The case heard this morning was the defended remanet from the April sitting, David Dunsmore vs. Mary Louise Dunsmore and Philip Barley, all of Westmorland County. Witnesses heard were the petitioner; Mrs. Alice King, Saint John grocery storekeeper; Mrs. Annie Day, Saint John rooming house keeper; Ira Wilbur, Moncton police officer, and Mrs. David Dunsmore, the respondent.

Suspicious Aroused

The petitioner told of various circumstances which had aroused his suspicions as to the fidelity of his wife. Mrs. King told of having sold groceries to the respondent, who she thought, she said, was Mrs. Philip Barley. Mrs. Day related how she had let a four room apartment to the respondent, and that Philip Barley had lived in that apartment.

Ira Wilson, the last witness for the petitioner, stated that when he and Inspector H. V. Harris, also of the police, had visited the house in Westmorland County in which the respondent was living, the co-respondent, Mrs. Dunsmore and a young girl, daughter of the respondent, were the only occupants of the house. This had been between 11 and 12 at night, he said. The witness was then briefly cross-examined by Francis P. Murphy, attorney for the respondent.

Motion to Dismiss

H. R. Allen, attorney for the petitioner, then rose to state that he now rested the case of the petitioner. Mr. Murphy moved that the case be dismissed on the evidence; but Mr. Justice Grimmer denied the motion. Mr. Murphy then called as the first witness for the defense Mrs. David Dunsmore, the respondent.

Denies Adultery

After being warned by Mr. Justice Grimmer to pay close attention while taking the oath, she took the stand. On question of her attorney, she denied having committed adultery with Philip Barley. She went to Saint John near the end of July, 1935, she said, accompanied by Mrs. Garfield Moore, Mrs. Moore's baby, and the daughter of the respondent. She resided in that city from July to May 1936, she said.

"Albany Perry roomed with me, and Barley roomed with him," she said. This was while she was at Saint John, rooming at the Day house. She subsequently returned to Moncton, she stated, and it was the fall of 1936 before she again saw Barley.

Denies Testimony

The witness denied telling Mrs. Day that she feared she was pregnant, and that Barley had held her on the bed with his knee in her stomach. She also denied the testimony of Mrs. King, in which the latter had said Mrs. Dunsmore had told her that she was Mrs. Philip Barley. The witness admitted, however, getting bills for groceries from Mrs. King, addressed to Mrs. Philip Barley.

On the night that Ira Wilson visited her house near Moncton, Barley had arrived there shortly before 12, she said. She had been cooking, and had then laid down, just before the police officers had arrived. She stated that she was fully dressed at

the time, and not clothed in a kimono as Mr. Wilson had stated in his testimony. Her brother was also there that night, she added.

Locked Out

The witness testified that on the night that she had gotten her legal separation from her husband, in 1930 she had gone home to remove her personal belongings. Looking in the window, she saw her husband in bed with Margaret Spiddle. They had locked the door, and refused to let her in.

Here Mr. Allen objected strenuously to the admission of the evidence on the grounds that the character of Miss Spiddle could not be questioned, as she had not been served with a paper notifying her that she had a right to appear in court in her own defense. Mr. Murphy, however, proved that she had been so served with a paper. The cause of the legal separation of she and her husband had been Miss Spiddle, the respondent testified.

Bigamy Alleged

Mrs. Dunsmore said, on being questioned, that her husband had admitted being married before he had married the respondent, and that he had not been divorced, although his first wife was still living. Mr. Justice Grimmer would not listen to the testimony, however, stating that it was not his business to hear a bigamy charge.

"I have never been in bed with Barley," the witness stated emphatically.

On being cross-examined by Mr. Allen, she denied living under the same roof as Barley for the past six or seven years. She admitted that he had stayed at her home from 1932 to 1935, when she went to Saint John. Here Barley also stayed at her home part of the time, as previous evidence had shown.

Court was then adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30, when further evidence in the case was heard.

NO RECENT WORD

No word has been received lately from Prof. Malcolm Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Ross, George Street, this city, who, according to last reports, is now on his way back to Canada from Canton, China, where he spent a few weeks teaching English at Lingnan University. He was ordered to leave China by Olan Wamemaker, New York representative of the board of trustees of the university, because of the great danger attendant to the Sino-Japanese hostilities in that section. According to Mrs. Ross, Prof. Ross was scheduled to land at Vancouver yesterday, but whether or not he did is not known. Last word from him was received from Canton several weeks ago.

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SENTENCED FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Wm. McPherson, of This City, and Wm. Belyea, St. John; 30 Days

County Court

Case Against Lewellan Ward, this City, Dismissed by Judge

Sentences of thirty days in jail were imposed on William McPherson of this city and William Belyea of Saint John, while Lewellan Ward, also of this city was dismissed, when their cases came up before the sitting of the County Court this morning. All three were charged with driving a car while under the influence of liquor. Hon. Judge A. R. Slipp who is presiding at the sitting, adjourned the court at 12.30, and court was resumed at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

In the first case on the docket, McPherson pleaded guilty to the charge, while Belyea pleaded not guilty. He was found guilty and sentenced. There is intimation, however, that the case will be appealed. Arthur McF. Limerick was counsel for both. Both of the offences were alleged to have taken place in the City of Fredericton. Information was laid by Chief of Police Nathaniel Jones. Witnesses in the Belyea case were Chief Jones and Officer Bert Barker of the city police force for the prosecution, and the accused who testified on his own behalf.

Evidence Lengthy

Evidence in the Ward case was quite lengthy. E. S. Inch, Carleton Street, near whose home the offence was alleged to have taken place, and Officers Osborne Brown and Barker of the City Police testifying for the prosecution. The accused pleaded not guilty and on examination of the evidence, the case was dismissed. R. V. Limerick represented the accused with C. L. Dougherty acted as counsel.

All three cases were prosecuted by F. C. Peters.

TWO FINED FOR CARRYING GUNS ON THE SABBATH

Woodstock Men Plead Guilty of Unintentional Breach of Law

Jasper Blake, Woodstock, and Stanley Stairs, a registered guide of the same place, were fined \$10 and \$25, respectively, by Magistrate K. E. MacLaughlan at Woodstock yesterday, when found guilty of offences under the game act, it was stated by Col. H. H. Ritchie, chief game warden, this morning. Blake was found guilty of carrying a gun in the woods on Sunday, while Stairs was sentenced for aiding and abetting the crime.

Blakes contention was that he had been proceeding to his camp on a hunting trip which was to start on Monday, and although he had the gun in his possession, he had no intention of shooting anything. The case was adjourned last week while the counsel of the Attorney-General's Department was sought on the matter.

The court stated that it was the opinion of the Department that the law in such cases must be carried out, and accordingly the accused was found guilty and fined.

Stairs pleaded guilty to the charge of aiding and abetting but claimed that he was not intentionally breaking the law, even though he admitted doing it. The prosecution was conducted by Col. Ritchie and Ranger Guy Welch of Bristol.

Customs Returns Show Substantial Increase Over Oct. Last Year

Customs and Excise returns for the past month from the Port of Fredericton showed an increase of \$6,540.64 over the total for the same month of last year, according to the statement issued today by F. P. Colter, collector of National revenue. Customs import duty was the big item on return sheet, showing a total of \$35,603.45 for the 31 days. Total revenue collected amounted to \$59,882.41 while in the month of October last year a total of \$53,341.77 was collected.

The detailed returns is as follows:

October 1937	
Customs Import Duty	\$35,603.45
Customs Sales Tax	5,562.13
Customs Excise Tax	1,521.29
Excise Tax (Domestic)	8,897.88
Excise Duty	8,207.16
Sundry Collections	90.50
	\$59,882.41

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Sad Death Of Six-Year-Old Nora Gregg Occurred This A. M.

The death occurred this morning of Nora June Gregg, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Gregg at her home, 774 Union Street, after a brief illness. The little girl, who had just started her first term in school, was taken ill a week ago, and

failed to recover. Popular amongst her playmates as well as grownups, she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Besides her parents she is survived by two brothers.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, with service at the Christchurch Cathedral at 3 o'clock. Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead will conduct the service. Interment will be made at Forest Hill cemetery.