

News Briefs

STILL ALARM

The Fire Department answered a still alarm at 7.15 last evening to the Woodstock Road, near the Aula Camps, where a truck owned by Fred Gilmore had caught fire. The fire was quickly extinguished and little damage done. A short circuit in the wiring is believed to have been responsible for the blaze.

NEW RESIDENT

Dr. Fletcher Peacock, director of educational services for New Brunswick, has changed the residence of himself and his family from Saint John to this city. His new home is at 205 Church Street, in the house formerly inhabited by William Scott. His daughter, Miss Jessie Peacock, has entered the University of New Brunswick.

REPAINTING STOP SIGNS

The City Engineer's department is repainting the stop signs on all through streets from the old black and silver colors to a brighter and more visible red and white. The sidewalks paving program will be completed in about two weeks, it was stated by City Engineer J. D. MacKay.

CABINET TO MEET

A meeting of the provincial cabinet is expected to be held some time next week, probably on Wednesday. It was indicated by J. Bacon Dickson, clerk of the executive council and deputy attorney general. Hon. A. A. Dysart, K.C., Premier and Minister of Public Works, is expected to arrive in Fredericton on Monday.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

A zoning committee of three members, consisting of Alderman W. Raymond Crewdson, City Engineer J. A. MacKay, and Kenneth Campbell, was appointed last evening at the first meeting of the Town Planning Commission since the summer months. Alderman Crewdson, who is also chairman of the commission, presided at the meeting. The committee is to make a survey of the zoning situation and will report back to the committee in two weeks.

INITIATION UNDERWAY

Evidence that the initiation of the green-as-grass freshmen at the University of New Brunswick is well underway, in spite of the periodically repeated statements of the authorities of that institution as to its being eliminated from the extra-curricular activities of the old university, was plentiful last night, as some two score of the first year men gathered—not of their own free will, it is understood—on the steps of the post office to render several charming ditties to the amusement of passersby. Among the features of the program, which is arranged annually by the sophomore class in an attempt to repay with free amusement the friendliness of the citizens of this city, were a demonstration of the best technique to be used in washing granite steps with a toothbrush; and a demonstration of one of the new methods of linear measurement, when one lad from the country districts measured the distance from the Gaiety Theatre to Carleton Street with a weiner.

N.B. SELLS BONDS WORTH \$3,250,000 AT PRICE OF 98.50

Private Transaction;
Net Interest Is Only
3.58; Debentures
Mature in 1942

The Province of New Brunswick has sold by private sale in the United States an issue of five-year 3½ per cent bonds, amounting to \$3,250,000, it has been announced by Clovis T. Richard, provincial secretary-treasurer.

The issue was sold at a price of 98.50 and accrued interest after all expenses had been deducted, making a net interest cost to the province of 3.58. The debentures have been purchased by leading insurance and trust companies, and they are repayable in United States money. Agents for the province in the transaction was the brokerage firm of Whiting, Weeks and Knowles, Inc., Boston.

Speaking on the sale, Mr. Richard said:

"I feel entirely satisfied with the price obtained. When the province called for tenders last May for an issue of 3½ percent debentures, an offer of 92.86 was received, which if accepted, would have cost the province an interest charge of 4.15. This offer was refused by the government as being unfavorable. In view of the higher figures obtained, that is to say, 98.50 for the present issue, or a net interest cost to the province of 3.59 as compared with 4.15, I feel that the government was justified in refusing the offer made last spring.

HEALTH OFFICER DEALS WITH YORK CO. JAIL

Calls Jail C'mittee For
Consultation Re San-
itary Conditions

Jail Over-Crowded

Complaints That Money
Being Spent For Pro-
visions, No Results

Within the past couple of days Dr. J. M. Cameron medical health officer for this district has been in consultation with the finance committee of the York County Council in regard to sanitary conditions as they exist at the York County jail at the present time. It is understood that notwithstanding the fact that a couple of years ago an effort was made to increase the accommodations and to better jail conditions generally, that there is still need for improvement.

Those who are in the position to know, claim that in more than one way conditions at the York County jail should be improved. Complaints are made in certain quarters regarding the amount of money spent for certain provisions which go to feed the prisoners. As the menu served the prisoners at the jail is about the poorest served in any jail in New Brunswick, the cost should be at least not excessive.

Suggestions Re Meals

It is pointed out that the liquor violators are amongst the majority of those confined in the jail, and that in this connection provision is made by the Liquor Control Board to allow the County 45 cents per day for the board of each liquor Act violator confined in the jail. It is claimed that without any additional cost whatever to the County this 45 cents per day should provide the prisoners with a substantial meal such as pork and beans, stews, or a vegetable meal which is healthful.

The idea of confining men to jail month after month on a diet which consists of little more than bread and water, with a pint of milk every second day and a quart of molasses and a pound of cheese once a week is something that should not be tolerated in a civilized community, it has been stated.

In discussing the matter with The Daily Mail today, a well known citizen expressed the opinion that some arrangement should be made where prisoners would receive proper meals and at the same time they be made to do a certain amount of work. The present condition of affairs as it exists in regard to the York County jail is said to be antiquated.

No Higher Taxes

It was pointed out that a proper menu could be provided for the prisoners without any additional tax upon the ratepayers of the county. This could be done if a proper system were introduced and if the jail were under a proper managing committee.

A couple of years ago The Daily Mail took part in the campaign for the betterment of conditions at the local jail. This action was endorsed by the Ministerial Association and other public spirited citizens. As a result of this the County Council arranged for some improvement. Much apparently yet remains to be done. The whole matter rests with the York County Council and it is understood that as a result of the conference with Dr. Cameron that something will be done to improve conditions at the jail.

The Sheriff of York County, C. N. Goodspeed, does not reside in the jail and is not responsible for the overcrowded conditions complained of, nor is he responsible in any way for the jail menu. Both of these features are regulated by a committee of the County Council. This menu has been for years the subject of adverse criticism by County Court Judges, by jurors, and by others, and has continued to be the same under different administrations.

Dies From Shock At News of Death of Phyllis McNamara

A sad sequel to the death of little Phyllis McNamara, Hardwood Ridge, who passed away in the Victoria Public Hospital early yesterday morning as a result of a shotgun wound, was the death of Robert Sumner Fidler, 64 year old C.N.R. section foreman, father of Cora Fidler, the little girl who was with Phyllis when she was shot, and who herself was struck by at least one of the lead pellets.

The cause of the death of Mr. Fidler was apparently shock at the news of the tragic accident of Thursday afternoon. He was found dead in his bed yesterday when members of the family went to awaken him, having passed during the night.

Besides Mrs. Fidler, the deceased is survived by nine children: Mrs. Jacob Brenner, Grass Lake, Mich.; Mrs. F. F. Osborne, Montreal; Wilfred, Sunbury Station; Edna, Clara, Cora, Lena, Elmer and Burns, all at home.

Province Reaches 90-Mark In Cases Infantile Paralysis

Two new cases of infantile paralysis reported at Saint John since noon yesterday boosted the provincial total up to the 90 mark, and swelled the total for Saint John City to 60. The statement from officials of the New Brunswick Department of Health and Labor, which notifies the press of the new cases, did not say as to whether they were paralytic or of the mild type, but they are believed to be of the former variety.

With 60 cases at Saint John, where the outbreak has been most serious since it started, officials of the department are rushed trying to provide enough blood donors, it has been learned.

FACTORIES WORK OVERTIME MAKING POTATO CRATES

Risteen Co. Making
5,000 Containers for
Dept. Agriculture

110 lb. Crates

Claim New Packing
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provements Over Old

With the promise of a large market for New Brunswick certified seed potatoes in the Argentine this fall and winter, woodworking factories in this vicinity and other parts of the province are working overtime to supply shipping crates for the export trade to that country.

The J. C. Risteen Co. is working both day and night shifts turning out an order of 5,000 crates for the Provincial Department of Agriculture, while the Marysville factory has been working day and night for the past two months, turning out textiles to meet the demand.

In other parts of the province large orders for this product from shippers and growers have kept the factories working at full capacity. The C. W. Lewis woodworking plant at Perth has been going overtime for over a month, rushing to completion a large order of the containers, while barrel factories at Grand Falls, Stikiney and Woodstock are also turning out hundreds of the finished product daily.

110 Pound Crates

The crates, which are specified by the Argentine Department of Agriculture, are 50 kilo, or approximately 110 pound capacity. They are built something on the style of an orange crate, with two 25 kilo compartments.

Although this is the first year that the crates have been used in the export shipments, it is claimed that they have many advantages over the old methods of shipping.

The flat sides of the crates greatly facilitate packing on board ships, and at the same time protect the tubers from bruises and other damage. Ventilation is another important feature of the new containers. The slatted sides allowing a free passage of air through the potatoes.

Clergymen, Laymen Commence Campaign For Worthy Cause

A group of clergymen and laymen of Fredericton, Devon and vicinity met in the Mayor's Office at the City Hall yesterday afternoon to organize for the collection and shipping of vegetables and fruit to the destitute families in the drought areas of Saskatchewan. Thousands of families have again this year witnessed the failure of their crops and must face the winter without the bare necessities for sustaining life.

Last year several carloads of potatoes, turnips, cabbages, fresh and canned fruits left for New Brunswick and were distributed over the afflicted areas. This year it is the hope of the committee to have this relief program organized more effectively in York and Sunbury Counties. The C.P.R. and C.N.R. will place cars at desired points for collection and will transport free of charge car lots to assigned destinations.

At yesterday's meeting the Rev. Gerald Guion was elected chairman and campaign manager with Rev. Harry Dysart, secretary; Rev. George Telford, chairman of local transportation, and Rev. Father Milligan chairman of publicity. It was decided to intensify the campaign during the week of Oct. 4—Oct. 9, with "Donation Day" for Fredericton, Devon and Marysville set for Oct. 7th.

It is hoped that all charitable people throughout the area mentioned will do their part in contributing to this worthy object.

BOND AWARD TO W.C. PITFIELD & CO. AT PRICE 99.11

Five Bids Considered At
Today's Meeting Finance
Committee

Drive On Taxes

Price Indicates High
Standing of City,
Says Forbes

The award of the \$10,000 City of Fredericton 3½ percent debentures dated Oct. 1, 1937, was made to W. C. Pitfield and Co., Ltd., at a price of 99.11 at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Fredericton City Council held at noon today.

In commenting on the award, Ald. Ray T. Forbes, chairman of the committee, stated that the committee is well pleased with the offer, which is indicative of the high financial standing of this city.

It was decided at the meeting that an intensive drive be made by the committee from now until the end of the year in an attempt to bring about the payment of the large amount of tax arrears which are hanging over from other years.

For Sidewalks

The bonds, which were authorized at the last regular meeting of the City Council in order to finance the program of permanent paving of sidewalks which is being carried on at present under the direction of the City Engineer's Department. It is expected that the work will be concluded in about two weeks, it was stated by City Engineer J. D. MacKay.

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TWO CARS CRASH CORNER QUEEN, WESTMORLAND

Vehicles Damaged Con-
siderably, Passengers
Unhurt

Some Insurance

Witnesses, Driver Dis-
agree as to How the
Crash Happened

Considerable damage was done both vehicles when a car driven by George Kitchen of Kingsclear, and a new Ford coupe owned by Mrs. T. V. Monahan and driven by Hayden Monahan, collided at the corner of Queen and Westmorland Streets early this afternoon. None of the passengers of either car was injured, but all were slightly shaken up.

According to Mr. Kitchen, he was coming down Queen Street at the time of the crash, when his right front tire blew out and drove him against the Monahan car, which was proceeding in the same direction.

Witnesses who saw the accident stated that the Kitchen car was parked just below the corner of the street. The car, they said, had a flat tire. Mr. Kitchen started to back out and across the street, it was stated, apparently to back out Westmorland Street toward the river to turn, when he struck the Monahan car, which was coming down Queen Street at a rapid but not excessive speed.

Bumper Torn Off

The rear bumper of the Kitchen car was torn off, and the back of the body and the rear left fender was bent up some, but the car was not

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